



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08049.0008-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Oscar Lee AVANT et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3653
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Application No.: 09/652,709	)	Examiner: Joseph C. Rodriguez
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Filed: August 31, 2000	)	
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS	)	Confirmation No.: 3489
FOR IDENTIFYING AND	)	
PROCESSING MAIL USING AN	)	
IDENTIFICATION CODE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 8, 2004, the period for response having been extended to April 8, 2005 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination to submit this Amendment. Accordingly, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.